INCORPORATION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA

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Mr. Reed of Missouri, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4302]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 4302) to incorporate the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, having duly considered same, hereby make report of it to the Senate without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The objects of the proposed corporation are well set forth in the

recitations which form the basis for the bill.

An examination by the subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee touching the application revealed the fact that the above-mentioned imperial council has recently engaged in the annual collection of large sums of money from the membership of the order. They are at the present time collecting approximately \$2,000,000 a year. This money is devoted to the establishment of hospitals for the care and cure of crippled children. These children are received without pay and without regard to race, color, or religion. The work, therefore, must commend itself as of a philanthropic and humanitarian character to all right-thinking people.

Because of the facts recited and other considerations the organization desires to operate through and as a body corporate. They especially desire to establish themselves as a corporation of the District of Columbia because it will avoid disputes and rivalries among the States, and particularly because of the large membership of the organization in the Dominion of Canada which will understand that the corporation will be controlled by the laws of the Federal Government rather than by the laws of some of our States with

which the Canadian membership is entirely unfamiliar. The bill, therefore, is heartily commended to the Senate.